

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A centralized medical information system, said system comprising:
  - a remote data center for storing medical content and medical services, said remote data center remotely accessible by a portal;
  - a portal capable of accessing said remote data center to retrieve said medical content and said medical services; and
  - a portal/data center connection allowing communication between said portal and said remote data center,

wherein said medical content comprises a medical image and at least one of patient information, library information and administrative information, and

wherein said medical services comprises at least one of a time management service, an educational service and an administrative service.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said portal is accessible via a web browser.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said portal comprises a web site.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center comprises a web server.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center comprises an application service provider.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein said portal allows said medical content and said medical services to be stored at said remote data center.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a web browser capable of accessing said portal.

9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising an external access connection for storing said medical content and said medical services at said remote data center.

10. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising an authentication unit for authorizing access to said remote data center.

11. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising an authentication unit for authorizing access to said portal.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method for accessing medical content and medical services, said method comprising:

accessing a portal;

requesting said medical content via said portal; and

retrieving said medical content from a remote data center;

requesting medical services via said portal;

accessing said medical services via said remote data center; and

activating said medical services via said portal;

wherein said medical content comprises a medical image and at least one of patient information, library information and administrative information, and

wherein said medical services comprises at least one of a time management service, an educational service and an administrative service.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of displaying at least one of said medical content and said medical services via said portal.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said data center comprises an application service provider.

17. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said portal comprises a web site.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said portal comprises at least one link to at least one of said medical content and said medical services.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said steps of requesting said medical content via said portal and requesting said medical services via said portal comprise selecting one of said at least one link at said portal.
20. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.
21. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said step of accessing a portal further comprises accessing a portal via a web browser.
22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said step of accessing a portal further comprises authenticating said access to said portal.
23. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said retrieving step further comprises authenticating said retrieval of said medical content from said remote data center.
24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) An information portal, said portal comprising:

a web site for accessing medical content and medical services, said web site providing access to a remote data center storing said medical content and said medical services;

wherein said medical content comprises a medical image and at least one of patient information, library information and administrative information, and

wherein said medical services comprises at least one of a time management service, an educational service and an administrative service.

26. (Original) The portal of claim 25, further comprising a web browser for viewing said web site.

27. (Original) The portal of claim 25, further comprising a portal/data center connection allowing communication between said web site and said remote data center.

28. (Original) The portal of claim 25, wherein said remote data center comprises a web server.

29. (Original) The portal of claim 25, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.

30. (Original) The portal of claim 25, wherein said remote data center comprises an application service provider.

31. (Original) The portal of claim 25, further comprising an authentication unit for authorizing access to said web site.

32. (Original) The portal of claim 25, further comprising an authentication unit for authorizing access to said remote data center.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) A method for storing medical content and medical services at a remote data center, said method comprising:

accessing said remote data center via an external access connection; and

storing said medical content and said medical services at said remote data center;

wherein said medical content comprises a medical image and at least one of patient information, library information and administrative information, and

wherein said medical services comprises at least one of a time management service, an educational service and an administrative service.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said storing step further comprises authenticating said storing of said medical content and said medical services at said remote data center.

36. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein said remote data center comprises an application service provider.

37. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, further comprising:  
accessing a portal to request at least one of said medical content and said medical services from said remote data center; and

retrieving at least one of said medical content and said medical services from said remote data center.

39. (Original) The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of displaying said medical content via said portal.

40. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein said portal comprises a web site.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein said portal comprises at least one link to said medical content and said medical services.

42. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein said step of accessing said portal comprises selecting one of said at least one link at said portal.

43. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein said step of accessing a portal further comprises accessing a portal via a web browser.

44. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein said accessing step further comprises authenticating said access to said portal.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein said retrieving step further comprises authenticating said retrieving said medical content and said medical services from said remote data center.

46. (Original) The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of updating a portal capable of accessing said medical content at said data center to reflect said storing of said medical content at said data center.

47. (Canceled)

48. (Currently Amended) A centralized medical information system, said system comprising:  
a remote data center for storing medical content and medical services, said remote data center remotely accessible by a portal;  
a portal capable of accessing said remote data center to retrieve said medical content and medical services; and  
a portal/data center connection allowing communication between said portal and said remote data center;

wherein said medical content comprises a medical image and at least one of patient information, library information and administrative information, and

wherein said medical services comprises at least one of a time management service, an educational service and an administrative service.

49. (Currently Amended) A web based centralized medical information system, said system comprising:

a remote data center for storing medical content and medical services, said remote data center having a web server, said web server remotely accessible by a web site; and

a web site capable of accessing said web server to retrieve said medical content and said medical services;

wherein said medical content comprises a medical image and at least one of patient information, library information and administrative information, and

wherein said medical services comprises at least one of a time management service, an educational service and an administrative service.

50. (Canceled)

51. (Canceled)